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Before any substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks:

In the Abstract

On page 25, line 8, replace "mole" with --weight--;

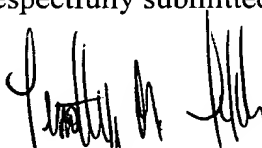
Remarks

Claims 1-41 remain in the application.

The abstract has been amended to identify the glass composition of the subject optical fiber lens as 4 weight percent borosilicate glass rather than 4 mole percent. This was due to an unintentional typographical error. The standard properties of the glass recited on page 14, lines 9-13, identify it to one skilled in the art as 4 weight percent borosilicate glass rather than 4 mole percent.

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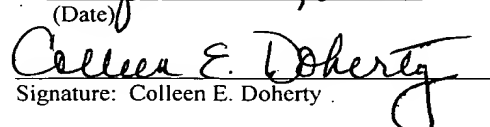
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